

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) 1. An image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source and~~ to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising;

a scanner configured to scan the image data;

a memory configured to store a default mail e-mail address, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel section configured to input a mail an e-mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission in response to operation of the start actuator,

the controller being further configured to set the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is not input by the panel section ,

the controller being further configured to set the mail e-mail address of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is input by the panel section, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the

~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected ~~to an image data source~~ and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising;

a scanner configured to scan the image data;

a memory configured to store a default ~~mail e-mail~~ address, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to input a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission in response to operation of the start actuator.

the controller being further configured to set the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not input by the panel ~~section~~ ,

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, input by the panel ~~section~~, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is input by the panel ~~section~~, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

9. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user in the memory.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an ~~image data source~~ and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising;

a scanner configured to scan the image data;

a memory configured to store a default mail e-mail address, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel section configured to input a mail an e-mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission in response to operation of the start actuator.

the controller being further configured to set the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is not input by the panel section;

the controller being further configured to set the mail e-mail address of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is input by the panel section, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail e-mail address of the user, and is not returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

14. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a default ~~mail e-mail~~ address, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to input ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission in response to operation of the start actuator.

the controller being further configured to set the default ~~mail e-mail~~ address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is not input by the panel ~~section~~;

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, input by the panel ~~section~~, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is input by the panel ~~section~~, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel section configured to input a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission being operated, in response to the start actuator, being operated.

the controller being further configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is not input by the panel section;

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is input by the panel section, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a default ~~mail e-mail~~ address, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel section configured to input ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission in response to the start actuator being operated being;

the controller being further configured to set the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not input by the panel ~~section~~;

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, input by the panel ~~section~~, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is input by the panel ~~section~~, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and is not returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source and~~ to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, a ~~mail~~ e-mail address of a user being an e-mail address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, and a panel including a start actuator, the method comprising;

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated;



setting the default ~~mail e-mail~~ address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is not input; and

setting the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is input, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source~~ and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default ~~mail e-mail~~ address, ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of a user being an ~~e-mail~~ address other than the default ~~mail e-mail~~ address, and a panel including a start actuator, the method comprising;

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated;

setting the default ~~mail e-mail~~ address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is not input; and

setting the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is input, the e-mail address of

the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus,  
whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address  
of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply  
being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of  
the image data communication apparatus.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication  
apparatus connected to ~~an image data source~~ and to a network, and transmitting image data  
attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from  
command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory  
storing a default ~~mail e-mail~~ address, ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of a user being an ~~e-mail~~ address  
other than the default ~~mail e-mail~~ address, and a panel including a start actuator, the method  
comprising;

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail  
transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated;

setting the default ~~mail e-mail~~ address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the  
image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is not input; and

setting the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which  
the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is input, the e-mail address of  
the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus,  
whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user, and is not  
returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

27. (Canceled).

28. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting to a receiving apparatus, image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default mail e-mail address, a mail an e-mail address of a user being an e-mail address other than the default mail e-mail address, and a panel including a start actuator, the method comprising:

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated;

setting the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is not input;

setting the mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is input, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a the receiving apparatus via the network.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting, to a receiving apparatus, image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data

communication apparatus including a memory storing a default mail e-mail address, a mail an e-mail address of a user being an e-mail address other than the default mail e-mail address, and a panel including a start actuator, the method comprising:

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated;

setting the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is not input;

setting the mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is input, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus,

whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a the receiving apparatus via the network.

31. (Canceled).

32. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting to a receiving apparatus, image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default mail e-mail address, a mail an e-mail address of a user being an e-mail address other than the default mail e-mail address, and a panel including a start actuator, the method comprising:

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated;

setting the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not input;

setting the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is input, the e-mail address of the user being distinct from an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and is not returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a the receiving apparatus via the network.

33. (Canceled).